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Docket No. AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER OTA-0004 Art Unit Application No. Filing Date Examiner October 27, 2003 M. S. Zimmer 1712 10/692,752-Conf. #8836 Applicant(s): Kenji Okimoto et al. Invention: APPLICATOR FOR STRINGS TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below. **CLAIMS AS AMENDED** Highest Claims Number Number Remaining **After** Previously **Extra Claims** Amendment **Present** Rate Paid **Total Claims** 7 20 X Independent 3 3 = X Claims Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) Other fee (please specify): 0.00 TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT: x | Small Entity Large Entity x No additional fee is required for this amendment. in the amount of \$ Please charge Deposit Account No. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. A check in the amount of \$ to cover the filing fee is enclosed. Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. 18-0013 X | The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. x | Credit any overpayment. x Charge any additional filing or application processing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17.

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated August 16, 2005, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.